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Examiner: M. Bumgarner

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For: **AN IRRIGATING MEDIUM FOR ROOT CANALS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated June 4, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire September 4, 2001. Accordingly, a Petition for Three-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply to December 4, 2001.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended claims and Appendix B is a clean copy of the amended claims.